LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL

Prices are trending at least steady. Supplies are sufficient for the moderate demand. Processing schedules are normal to less than normal. Retail feature activity is light entering the weekend with majority of interest being in the Southeast regions. Finished product supplies are moderate and clearing satisfactorily. Market activity is mostly moderate.

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading: Price Range Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound. 10.0 - 22.5 13.93

(Southeast Region broiler breeder hens generally for processing, 7 lbs. and up; under 7 lbs. subject to discount.)

LIVE SPENT LIGHT FOWL

Prices are trending no better than steady for the light to moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens are at least sufficient for current needs. Processing schedules are normal to less than normal. Movement of finished product sales are clearing well. Market activity is moderate. The majority price for removal costs is unchanged at 0-7 cents per head.

(live hens are predominately egg-layers averaging about 3.5 lbs. live weight per bird.) Eastern region = AL, CT, DE, GA, KY, MA, MD, ME, MS, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, TN, VA, VT, and WV; North Central = IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI; South Central = AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX.

READY-TO-COOK FOWL

Midwest Region Negotiated Prices to First Receivers

(cents/lb.delivered to first receivers; US Grade A and Plant Grade)

Price Range

Ice Packed (12/box): 80.0 - 86.0 Vacuum Packed (6-9/box): 85.0 - 90.0

Midwest region = IL, IN, MI, MO, OH, and WI

LIVE FOWL AUCTIONS

Hackettstown, NJ - Tue Feb. 26

		Price	Avg.	
Heavy Fowl	each:	0.75	9.50	2.20
	per pound:		0.60	

Graystone Small Animal, Manheim, PA - Tue Feb. 26

Red Fowl 5-6 lbs: 0.70 - 0.80 per pound

4-5 lbs: 0.60 - 0.65 per pound

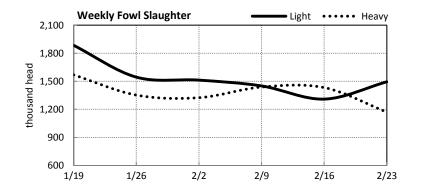
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 lbs: 0.75 - 0.85 per pound

LIVE FOWL SLAUGHTER

Weekly Fowl Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection Week ending 02-23-13

	Head Av	/g Wt	RTC Wt	Dress%
Light Hens:	1,495	3.37	2,721	54%
Heavy Hens:	1,171	7.35	5,594	65%
Total Hens:	2.666	5.12	8,315	

(head and ready-to-cook weight in thousands; avg. wght in lbs.)



RETAIL FOWL FEATURING

Supermarket featuring during the week of 03/01 to 03/07

Light Hens			Heavy Hens	
Stores	Wtd Avg		Stores	Wtd Avg
26	0.99		70	0.99
26	0.99			
			70	0.99
	Stores 26	Stores Wtd Avg 26 0.99	Stores Wtd Avg 26 0.99	Stores Wtd Avg Stores 26 0.99 70 26 0.99

Relative Fowl Featuring by Region /1

0%

0%

66%

% of stores featuring hens by region.

 $^{^{1/}}$ %'s reflect feature activity relative to the sample size of each region.